

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
12:00 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

****Following one minute speeches, the House is expected to recess until approximately 4:00 p.m. At that time, the House will reconvene and consider general and amendment debate of H.R. 1732. Following amendment debate, the House will consider the four bills listed for consideration under suspension of the Rules. Any recorded votes requested will be postponed until 6:30 p.m. Members are advised that the vote series at 6:30 p.m. is expected to be longer than usual.**

[H.R. 1732](#) - Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 (Rep. Shuster – Transportation and Infrastructure) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) from finalizing, implementing or enforcing the April 2014 proposed rule entitled "Definition of 'Waters of the United States' Under the Clean Water Act." Instead, the agencies would be required to withdraw the proposed rule and consult with state and local officials as well as stakeholders, and other interested parties to develop a new regulatory proposal.

Additionally, the bill would require EPA and the Corps of Engineers to prepare a report for the Congress that responds to public comments filed on the proposed rule and associated documents and that describes how the new rule required by the bill would addresses such comments. The new rule required by the bill would have to include a comprehensive regulatory and economic analysis. These burdensome requirements are intended to block the Administration from finalizing a rule that was developed with the input of state and local officials, the public, and the regulated community and based on sound science. The delay caused by this bill would jeopardize both the environment and public safety and deny businesses and communities the regulatory certainty needed to invest in projects that rely on clean water. Lastly, the White House has issued a SAP stating that President's senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill.

The Rule, which was adopted on April 30th, makes in order 2 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Edwards Amendment. Makes clear that EPA and the Corps are prohibited from implementing any final rule based on the April 2014 proposed rule if such a rule expands federal jurisdiction to bodies of water that either did not receive protection prior to relevant 2001 and 2006 Supreme Court decisions and opinions or are used solely by migratory birds. Also makes clear that a final rule cannot: increase regulation of ditches; eliminate existing statutory or regulatory exemptions for agriculture, silviculture, or ranching; or cover artificial farm and stock ponds, land-use activities, erosional features, puddles, water on driveways, birdbaths, playgrounds, sanitary sewers, water supply canals or other water supply systems. Any final rule must be: consistent with the latest peer-reviewed science; developed in consultation with state and local governments; and permit public notice and comment.

Kildee Amendment. Gives a state two years to become compliant with the new 'Waters of the United States' rule required by the bill. The amendment would ensure states have sufficient time to implement any required changes to their permitting programs required by the bill so that they are able to retain their state permitting authority.

Suspensions (4 bills)

- 1) [S. 665](#) – Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act of 2015 (Sen. Cardin – Judiciary)
- 2) [H.R. 606](#) – Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act (Rep. Paulsen – Ways and Means)
- 3) [H.R. 2146](#) – Defending Public Safety Employees Retirement Act (Rep. Reichert – Ways and Means)
- 4) [H.R. 723](#) – Fallen Heroes Flag Act (Rep. King (NY) – House Administration)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, May 13: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider both [H.R. 36](#) – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (Rep. Franks – Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule) and [H.R. 2048](#) – USA Freedom Act of 2015 (Rep. Sensenbrenner – Judiciary). The House is also expected to begin



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consideration of [H.R. 1735](#) – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Rep. Thornberry – Armed Services) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"A group of dissident Republicans in the House are clashing with their colleagues on President Obama's deferred deportation program for illegal immigrants. Led by Rep. Jeff Denham (R-Calif.), the band of lawmakers hailing from Hispanic-heavy districts are becoming increasingly vocal about their dissatisfaction with the party's refusal to accept some type of legal status for people who were brought to the country as children. The dissidents say the so-called 'Dreamers' should be eligible for military service, and succeeded in adding language to the defense bill slated for the floor this week calling for the Pentagon to review the possibility. Conservatives are vowing to ensure those provisions are stripped out, setting up a fight that could create a war of words between the two sides... 'While I prefer broader action on immigration reform, this is a positive step forward to help those who want to protect our sacred liberties,' Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.)... 'This is an act of patriotism. This is an opportunity to create a greater national defense and an opportunity for those kids that know of no other country to call home to actually pledge allegiance and be patriots of this great nation,' Denham said on the House floor..."

- The Hill, 5/10/2015